

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 and 13-15 are pending in the present application. Applicant has canceled claims 1-8 and 14-15. Applicant has amended claim 9. Reconsideration and re-examination of pending claims 9-11 and 13 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that pending claims 9-11 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under section 112. Applicant has amended claim 9 to overcome this rejection. In an interview with the Examiner on November 23, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the amendment would overcome the section 112 rejection. Accordingly, applicant contends that pending claims 9-11 and 13 are now allowable.

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CONCLUSION

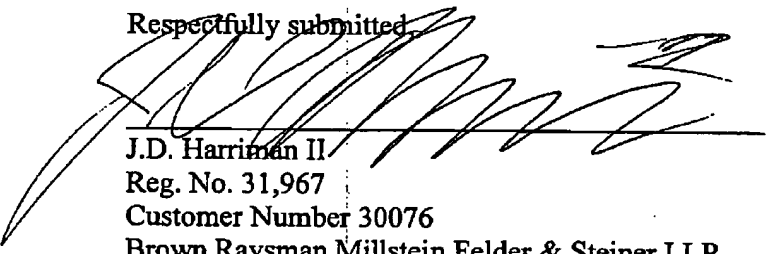
Applicants have made an earnest and *bona fide* effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all of claims 9-11 and 13 is believed to be in order, and a timely Notice of Allowance to this effect is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due with the submission of this paper. However, if the Applicant is mistaken, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees from Deposit Account No. 502811.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (310) 712-8300. The undersigned attorney can normally be reached Monday through Friday from about 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Pacific Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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